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Present:

# "The Deluxe Hang Around Bait Holder"

#### Claims

What is claimed is:

- 1. A device for holding cut and live fishing bait which comprises:
- (a) A container being box-shaped and having an extension for holding tools and an extension for holding a cup can or bottled beverage;
- (b) Two handles extending upward to be attached hanging from a boat rail with each handle molded with opposite closure angles for stability.

# **Description**

## FIELD OF THE INVENTION

This invention relates to a device for containing bait for fishing. More specifically, the invention relates to a device for holding cut or live bait that hangs from two handles from the rail of a boat, that is readily accessible and has an extension, on one side to hold tools and on the other side a holder for a cup, can or bottled beverage.

#### **BACKROUND OF THE INVENTION**

Many devices have been provided for convenient carrying of baits and tackle for fishing. Such devices have included conventional tackle boxes, compartmentalized plastic containers, minnow pails, buckets and the like.

Various baits such as clams, bunker, squid, worms, fish eggs and killies are utilized for fishing. Many of such types of baits are stored in a central area away from the fishermen. A need existed for a convenient and portable way for fishermen to access their bait. Numerous fishing equipment has been provided in prior art that are adapted to retain tackle, bait and the like. For example, U.S. Pat. Nos. 3,113,818; 3,859,747; 4,744,614 and 4,890,414 are illustrative of such prior art. While these units may be suitable for the particular purpose to which they address, they would not be as suitable for the purposes of the present invention as heretofore described.

### SUMMARY OF INVENTION

It is a principal object of the present invention to provide a convenient, portable and easily accessible way to retain and transport one or more cut and or live types of bait. In accordance with an important aspect of the invention, two handles are provided with opposite closure angles to hang from a boat rail to ensure stability while hanging from a boat rail.

A further object is to provide a cut and or live bait holder that is simple and easy to use and can be hung from the railing of a boat with the tool extension and the drink holder accommodating the preferences of a left handed/right handed user.

A still further object is to provide a cut and or live bait holder that is economical in cost to manufacture.

Briefly, the invention provides a device that retains, is easily accessible and transports cut and or live bait that hangs by two handles from any boat rail. Each handle has an opposite curved angle at its end to ensure the stability of the device. The device includes an extension on its side for holding tools such as pliers, knives or clippers. The opposite side of the device contains holder for a cup, can or bottled beverage and is interchangeable when hanging from a boat rail to accommodate the preferences of a left handed/ right handed user.

Further aspects and advantages of the invention will become apparent from the following detailed description, claims and accompanying drawings. However, the drawings are illustrative only, and changes may be made in specific construction illustrated and described within the scope of amended claims.